

**ACCESS TO COMPUTERIZED LITERATURE AND WILDLIFE
DAMAGE INFORMATION**

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Information was presented on computerized databases potentially of value to persons conducting research on wildlife damage management (WDM). A great many specialized databases are available by subscription to a computer service. Online computer terminals have access to these services and are most readily (and usually most economically) accessed at research university library terminals; university librarians can assist persons in necessary procedures. These databases present information in one or more formats: bibliographic, abstracts, full text, or data extracted. Most databases are updated quarterly or semi-annually. Some can be purchased on compact disk for use on personal computers (PC) without a modem requirement. A handout was distributed that describes numerous databases.

The DWRC library has indexed the proceedings of the Vertebrate Pest Conference (VPC), the Eastern Wildlife Damage Control Conference (EWDCC), and the Great Plains Wildlife Damage Control Workshop (GPWDCW). They are indexed and searchable by title and author, and the first two are also keyword searchable. This database is on Pro-Cite software and will be available to DWRC personnel and cooperators. Additionally, hard copy of the database will be available to the public for purchase.

Information and order forms were also provided on databases available from Absearch (Moscow ID). There is a database (again on Pro-Cite) for all publications of 4 professional societies: The Wildlife Society, Ecological Society of America, American Fisheries Society, and Ornithological Societies of America. In addition to bibliographic information, abstracts (where available) are provided. These databases are about \$100 each, with annual updates costing about \$30.

The WDM working group of The Wildlife Society has also begun an interactive E-mail group for sending and receiving messages related to WDM. Users can subscribe for free and only need a PC and modem with telephone line access. Contact Dr. Robert Schmidt at Utah State University for more information on this service.